



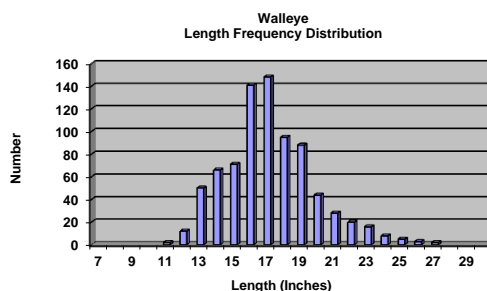
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
LAC COURTE OREILLES, SAWYER COUNTY, 2016**

The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Lac Courte Oreilles, Sawyer County, from March 25 to April 18, 2016.

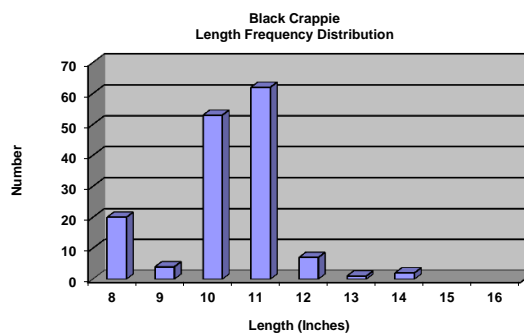
Lac Courte Oreilles is a 5039 acre lake and has a maximum depth of 90 feet. The fishery includes musky, panfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye. Lac Courte Oreilles was estimated to contain 7230 walleye or 1.4 fish per acre.



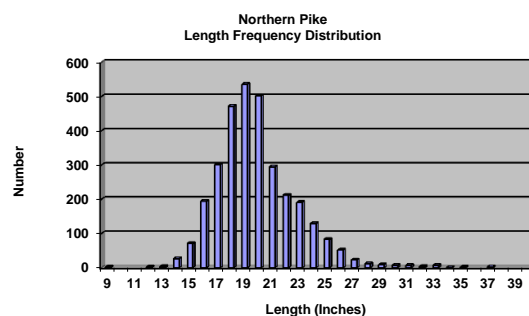
Walleye	
Total Captured	799
Avg. Length (in.)	17.1
Length Range (in.)	11-27
% >18"	39%



Black Crappie	
Total Captured	149
Avg. Length (in.)	10.3
Length Range (in.)	6-14
% >10"	84%



Northern Pike	
Total Captured	3,149
Avg. Length (in.)	19.8
Length Range (in.)	9-37
% >26"	4%



Other Species

Other species observed during this survey were bluegill, bullheads, common shiner, largemouth bass, redhorse, rock bass, smallmouth bass, white sucker, and yellow perch.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Lac Courte Oreilles this year. Creel clerk Matt Kufahl will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
2014	Walleye	11,973	1.6
2014	Walleye	400	8.3
2014	Muskellunge	4,031	11.7
2011	Muskellunge	2,519	9.8
2010	Walleye	22,055	1.6
2010	Walleye	6,895	3.2
2009	Muskellunge	2,499	9.4-10.2
2009	Walleye	100,810	1.7
2008	Walleye	16,510	7.2
2007	Muskellunge	2,496	12.4

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

General Fishing Regulations for Lac Courte Oreilles, Sawyer County, 2016

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 07-March 05	3	15", 20-24" PROTECTED, 1>24"
Largemouth Bass*	May 07-March 05	5	NO MINIMUM
Smallmouth Bass*	June 18-March 05	1	18" MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 28-November 30	1	50" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 07-March 05	5	NO MINIMUM

*During harvest season for each species; you are allowed a daily bag limit of five bass in total, but only one may be a smallmouth bass.

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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To access other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search Ceded Territory Fisheries Reports.

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